

News of the Mines and Oil Fields

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FOUR GIANTS TO CONTEST FOR OIL SUPREMACY

BATTLE PROMISES TO RAISE PRICES

CALIFORNIA LMTD. TO ENTER REFINING FIELD

Will Have a World-Wide Market Through Selling Agency of Balfour-Guthrie Company and Capital Refinery

The oil fields of California bid fair to become the setting of a fierce battle of the big companies within the next few months, with four powerful rivals, the Union, Associated, California Limited and the Standard, fighting for supremacy. As an outcome it is quite probable, in the opinion of many well-informed operators, that higher prices will prevail, the consensus of opinion being that 75 cents will be the established price.

Speculation is rife as to the reliability of rumors that the Standard has secured options on the Silver Tip, Lucille, Blue Moon, Army and Coalings Peerless and the Fulton at Sunset and Peerless at Kern River, but well-informed oil men contend that the Standard has little chance that these wells, the product of which is contracted to the Associated until February, 1910, at 63 cents.

Limited Enters the Field Hereafter the Union has been the only aggressive rival of the Standard in the refining field, but the California Limited is entering the field in the guise of the Capital Refining company, and has extensive plants established.

The Standard has a contract with the California Limited for 15,000,000 barrels, which is being delivered at the rate of about 10,000 barrels daily, the oversupply going to the Capital Refineries. This contract is believed to be considerably more than half filled, and in the meantime the Limited is increasing its output by drilling new wells.

The Associated is the only one of the four big companies which has not extensively extended its refining. This company loses its big contract with the independents next year, when the Producers' Transportation company enters upon its new year contract to convey the oil through its big pipe line, now being constructed from Coalinga, Kern River, Sunset, Midway and McKittick to Port Harford.

Standard Expected to Fight An eastern paper in commenting on the situation says: "There is no question but that the Standard looks with envious eyes upon the oil industry of California, as never before in the history of the industry in the United States has there been so successful an effort to break loose from Standard control as there has been in California through the deals made between the various agencies and the Union Oil company."

"The fact that California produces one-third of all the oil in the United States and one-sixth of that of the entire world of necessity indicates that this state is to be the battleground for future control, and the forthcoming battle will be watched with interest. Those best in position to gauge the future market price of oil have predicted that the next contracts will be at 75 cents a barrel, while the Standard has set the price at 40 cents and the Associated at 50 cents. The Standard has been unable to get oil in any quantities at its figure and the Associated has succeeded in contracting for a small amount at 50 cents, both of which prices are presumed to be used as clubs over other producers.

"That California is to be an interesting battleground is a foregone conclusion, for it is not believed that the Standard will remain dormant and let the Union take away the plum."

GOLDFIELD OPERATORS GET SILVER PEAK GROUND

Mitchell and Fairfield Secure Inside Claims on a Bond for \$75,000

The Goldfield News reports that an option at \$75,000 has been taken by Mitchell & Fairfield, the well known mining operators of Goldfield, on the group of claims known as the Blair No. 2, Four-Timer, Daisy, Gold Bar and Alamo, at Silver Peak, the ground lying between the Pittsburg-Silver Peak and the Valcencia. The group is considered among the best in the district and the holders of the option, with whom are associated a number of St. Louis capitalists, expect to begin operations within a short time. This group is owned by W. A. Ingalls, J. W. Crossen and Ben Morton.

An option has also been taken by the same parties on four claims belonging to Senator T. L. Oddie and comprising the Lookout Nos. 1 and 2, Lucky Sam and Blue Jay.

GOLD ROADS MILL RUNS WITHOUT HITCH

Report received from Superintendent Dan Bosquil of the Gold Roads mine at the company's Los Angeles office is that the new mill, which was started up last Tuesday, is running without a hitch. The plant, which consists of forty stamps, two tube mills for re-grinding, Butters vacuum filters, Pa-

chuen tanks and cyanide, is capable of treating from 200 to 250 tons of ore daily. The mill is operated by electricity brought from Kingman, a distance of 26 miles.

EYE REPORTS SALE OF NEEDLES SMELTER

It is reported from San Bernardino that the Nevada Smelter and Smelting company has been sold to one of the largest smelting syndicates in the country. This, it is true, confirms the statement made in the Eye last week that the United States Smelting company would in all probability take over the plant of the A. M. & S. Co., if reports then in circulation were correct.

ARGENTIFEROUS LEAD IN NEW NEVADA CAMP

Kwinona is the name bestowed on a new mining camp in Esmeralda county, Nevada. The district was opened by J. P. Turner, formerly a well known Utah operator, who located several claims which he sold to W. S. Morgan of Milwaukee, Louis Smith of Cobalt and a Mr. Young of Goldfield. The syndicate began development work and is reported to have opened up a body of high grade silver-lead ore at a shallow depth.

Whitson is twelve miles northeast of Luning, which is the first station north of the terminus of the Tonopah & Goldfield railroad. Samples of the ore, said to run as high as 1500 ounces silver, were displayed at the mineral palace in Goldfield during the week of the American Mining congress session.

MINING QUOTATIONS

Nevada Stocks Exclusive dispatch to The Herald by L. A. Crisler & Co., members Los Angeles Stock exchange, 200-201 I. W. Hellman building, Los Angeles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—Portals mining continued today, and the market for mining shares received very little attention. Trading was light throughout the list and for the most part of a professional character. Consolidated sold as high as 48 3/4, which was 7/8 points above yesterday's bid. Fraction was 2 points up and Daisy 1.

In the Tonopah list Jim Butler sold off 1 point, while Tilden Extension moved up 2. Following were the closing quotations:

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DRESSER FIGHTS ALLEGED CASE OF HIGH GRADING

STATE INTRODUCES SPOON AS EXHIBIT

SUPERINTENDENT IDENTIFIES CONCENTRATES

Consolidated Company Officials Sign 6000 Checks in Payment of Quarterly Dividend of Thirty Cents Share

GOLDFIELD, Oct. 22.—L. H. Dresser, one of the three men who were arrested for stealing concentrates from the Concentrates from the Consolidated mill, is having his hearing before a justice of the peace. Dresser, notwithstanding his alleged confession to Clarence Sage, chief of the Consolidated company's force of detectives at the time of his arrest, has employed counsel and is fighting the case against him.

In yesterday's examination the state introduced exhibits in the shape of sacks of concentrates which were identified as concentrates coming from the mill, together with the spoon-shaped devices which were used in diverting the rich particles as they came over the tables into receptacles prepared for them.

Clarence Sage of the Consolidated company identified one of the galvanizing iron "spoons" (for lack of a better name) as having been found by him on the person of Dresser at the time of his arrest. The spoon was marked at the time, and the identification of yesterday afternoon seemed to be complete.

Superintendent Hutchinson of the mill examined certain sacks of concentrates as coming from the plant of the Consolidated, and which he described as being peculiarly different from any other concentrates of the district, inasmuch as their fineness permitted of their passing through a screen through which no other concentrates of the district could pass.

Several of the Consolidated force testified as to the implements used in connection with the high-grading, the chief point being that the device introduced was not used in connection with the daily work of the mill, and was not provided by the company for employees.

Thos. V. Connor, assayer, was on stand for the purpose of showing the value of the stolen concentrates after tests made by him, which will be presented to the grand jury in the event the accused is finally bound over. He places the value of the gold dust shown and tested by him at a figure which will, it is believed, bring the amount represented in the complaint well beyond the larceny mark. The figures given show that forty-one ounces were tested, of the value of \$120 per troy pound.

The trial of Lamb, who was also implicated by allegation in the high-grading, will not come up before the final sitting of the present case, on next Thursday.

Writing Consolidated Checks

Checks are being prepared in the office of the Goldfield Mines company covering that company's last dividend at the Chicago meeting of directors, and when November rolls around each stockholder in the big company will have his check for an amount representing 30 cents per share.

The work of writing the checks has already commenced, and notwithstanding the fact that a recent innovation in the matter of filling out the checks has been introduced, the work of filling in official signatures to more than 6000 checks is a stupendous task which requires much time, and which is trying in the extreme.

The amounts represented by the check have been written in with pen and ink, but the late departure in this respect is made possible by the putting in of small printing offices, just sufficient to enable clerks to fill in the amounts rapidly with type.

It is intended by the company officials that the members of the board of directors of the Nevada-California Power company, arrived yesterday from Pioneer, where they were met with automobiles by Daniel A. Campbell and F. J. Campbell, also of the company, who recently returned to Goldfield from a business trip to San Francisco.

Most of the visitors are paying their first visit to this part of the country, and incidentally are for the first time looking over the Power company's holdings.

CITRUS FRUIT REPORT

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VALENCIAS—Lincoln A H Casa Blanca, \$2.35; Navajo, \$1.30.

PHILADELPHIA PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22.—Two cars of Valencia sold. Market firm.

VALENCIAS—Colombo St Fullerton, \$2.45; Los Palmas, \$2.35; Tourist St T McGowan & Williams, \$2.35; Florida, \$2.35.

BOSTON BOSTON, Oct. 22.—Four cars sold. Weather cloudy. Market very strong, with prices higher.

VALENCIAS Planet S S Orange, \$3.05; Carmelita S T Fullerton, \$2.55; Success Or Spetch & Green, \$2.55; Searchlight S S Orange, \$2.70; Colombo S T Fullerton, \$2.55; Standard National O C Green, \$2.70; Our Popular X Green & Petch, \$2.50.

ST. LOUIS ST. LOUIS, Oct. 22.—Weather favorable. Market is advancing.

VALENCIAS Planet S S Orange, \$3.15; Success Or Spetch & Green, \$2.70; Searchlight S S Orange, \$2.70; A One X Or E Petch Co, \$2.50.

NEW YORK NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Four cars oranges and one car lemons sold. Market steady on oranges. Lemons very strong and active.

VALENCIAS Blue S Covina Ex, \$3.75; Green Crown O K & A C G, \$3.20; Stock Label O K & A C G, \$3.25; Blue Jay O K & A C G, \$3.25; Standard National O C Green, \$3.20; Swallow O K & A C G, \$3.20.

LEMONS—Selected, \$2.70.

CITRUS FRUIT SHIPMENTS

Thursday, Oct. 21, Or. Lem. Tls. Total to date this season, 31,659 612 37,792

Total to date last season, 24,485 454 29,319

FRUIT MARKET

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—Apples—Fancy, \$1.91.50; common, \$1.90.00; huckberries, \$2.00.00; raspberries, \$2.00.00; cranberries, \$2.00.00.

California Dried Fruits NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Evaporated apples unchanged. Some reports are received from coast claiming holders are more free in well but the local spot market is quiet.

Pacific Coast Trade SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—Flour—Family extras, \$5.20.00; baker's extras, \$5.20.00; Oregon and Washington, \$5.10.00.

Wheat—Shipping, \$1.70.00; milling, \$1.75.00; barley—Feed, \$1.40.00; brewing, \$1.45.00; malted, \$1.50.00.

Onions—Red, \$1.50.00; white, \$1.50.00; mixed feed, \$2.00.00; rolled barley, \$2.00.00; oatmeal, \$4.00.00; oats, \$4.00.00; rolled oats, \$4.00.00.

Beans—Pink, \$3.00.00; Lima, \$3.00.00; small white, \$4.00.00; large white, \$4.00.00; Sanilinas Burbanks, \$1.25.00.

Onions—Fancy, \$5.00.00; common, 70c; Various—Green peas, \$3.00.00; green peppers, \$2.00.00; tomatoes, \$2.00.00; summer squash, \$2.00.00.

Poultry—Live turkeys, \$10.00.00; dressed turkeys, \$10.00.00; ducks, \$4.00.00; geese, \$4.00.00; chickens, \$4.00.00.

Butter—Cream, \$1.00.00; salted, \$1.00.00; unsalted, \$1.00.00.

Eggs—Large, \$1.00.00; small, \$1.00.00.

Wool—Wool, \$1.00.00.

Coffee and Sugar NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 2.80c; centrifugal 96 test, 4.20c.

Cotton Futures NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Cotton futures closed steady today: October, 13.02c; November, 13.50c; December, 13.75c; January, 13.70c; February, 13.70c; March, 13.70c; April, 13.70c; May, 13.80c; June, 13.70c; July, 13.70c; August, 13.30c; September, 12.90c.

Bank of England Receives Gold LONDON, Oct. 22.—Bank of England today received \$2,000,000 of gold from the Bank of America.

Metal Market NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—White no actual business was reported, the market for standard and copper was weak. Lead was spot closing at \$12.25, October at \$12.35. November and December at \$12.12.50, January at \$12.25. The English market was lower, with spot closing at 155 3/4 and futures at 155. Sales there included 700 tons spot and 100 tons futures. Local market was unchanged at \$12.25.

Copper at \$12.25, electric at \$12.25. Tin was steady, with spot quoted at \$30.50. 30.50, October and November at \$30.30. 30.50, December at \$30.75. London market was steady, with spot quoted at \$138 3/4 and futures at \$139 1/4. Lead was quiet, with spot quoted at \$12.25. 12.25, in New York and at \$12.25. 12.25, in East St. Louis. The London market was unchanged at \$12.25.

Splitter was firm at \$2.15. The London market was higher at \$2.15. The London market was higher at \$2.15. The London market was higher at \$2.15.

514 41d for Cleveland warrants. Locally the market was steady.

PRICES OF METALS IN NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Copper weak; 12.25. Lead, \$1.37 1/2. Spelter, \$6.10. Tin, \$30.50.

CITRUS FRUIT GROWERS INSULTED

(Continued from Page One) "I didn't say it was here; I said I knew of it," said "Tus," evasively.

"Well, where is it?" "That's my business," was the retort.

Taken Under Adversement Eldridge's motion to take the matter under advisement was carried, the "solid three," Nalls, Eldridge and McCabe, voting against Pridham and Manning. The latter two, however, had no intention of permitting the question to be disposed of as the "Solid Three" saw fit, and the latter did not deem it judicious to vote against a motion to take the matter up for final determination at 10 o'clock Monday.

It is believed the fruit growers will be successful in procuring the appointment of Meserve as commissioner and possibly strong as one of the two deputies. The other deputy will, if the plan of the "solid three" is carried out, go to Ervin Dingle, who was dropped from consideration as a candidate for commissioner when practically the entire strength of the fruit growers' interests was brought against his selection.

Whether or not Meserve will go into the office unpledged to do what he can to further the interests of the Republican organization is a matter for secondary consideration by the growers, who say he is a better man for the place than Dingle. Dingle, however, as chief deputy, would be in a position to aid the machine organization throughout the county, as he would have a direct supervision over the unlimited number of inspectors which the law provides may be chosen. These inspectors receive \$2.50 a day while on duty, and their duty as mapped out at present, according to report yesterday, would be to further the candidacy of Leo Youngworth for sheriff next year.

PEONAGE IS CHARGED IN MINNESOTA LUMBER CAMPS

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 22.—A committee consisting of John C. Elder of Washington, D. C., chairman; Congressman John L. Burnett of Alabama, and Charles P. Neill of Chicago, is taking testimony behind closed doors to ascertain whether a condition of peonage exists among the laborers in the lumber-camps of northern Minnesota. A general investigation of the subject is in progress, without regard to any criminal prosecution.

Young Woman Commits Suicide

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Miss Leah Oppenheimer, formerly of Butte, Mont., shot herself through the heart at the home of her sister, Mrs. George L. S. Wymans, late today. Death was instantaneous. Miss Oppenheimer was 30 years old and had suffered long with a chronic ailment of the nerves.

Ship Subsidy Indorsed

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Huntington Wilson, first assistant secretary of state, seconded the plan of President Taft for a ship subsidy bill in an address tonight before the Chicago Association of Commerce at a banquet to representatives of Canada, Cuba and Mexico, to discuss trade relations.

1600-ACRE RANCH NEAR PASO ROBLES SELLS FOR \$25,000

F. D. Frost has sold to Adolph Graff, through A. W. Ross agency, a 1600-acre ranch about eight miles west of Paso Robles for \$25,000. This property is known as the Smith ranch and is the show place of this section of the state, being highly improved with a large house and beautiful grounds and over two miles of stone fence. Eight hundred acres of the ranch are covered with large oak trees. The remainder is used for general farming.

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